

## HB 2212 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

### House Committee On Business and Labor

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**Action Date:** 03/11/19

**Action:** Do pass with amendments  
and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. (Printed A-Eng.)

**Vote:** 11-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 11 - Barker, Barreto, Boles, Bonham, Boshart Davis, Bynum, Clem, Doherty, Evans, Fahey, Holvey

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/4, 3/11

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#### WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Appropriates \$250,000 from General Fund to Oregon Department of Administrative Services (DAS) for purpose of providing grants to state agencies to help cover costs related to providing workplace accommodations for employees with physical disabilities. Authorizes DAS to adopt rules for administering grants.

#### ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Effort of work group to develop proposal
- Whether agencies will need experienced grant writers
- Intention that grant application process would be very simple

#### EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Appropriates \$250,000 from General Fund to DAS for grant program. Limits assistance to cover costs associated with providing accommodations to employees with physical disabilities. Limits grants to covering costs of providing accommodations that are between \$2,500 and \$5,000.

#### BACKGROUND:

Select members of the House Interim Committee on Higher Education and Workforce Development participated in a work group to evaluate Oregon program's supporting employment opportunities for people with disabilities. The work group included staff from various state agencies and non-profit organizations, as well as representatives of the National Conference of State Legislatures and the Council of State Governments. House Bill 2212-A is a product of that work group. The measure appropriates General Fund moneys to the Department of Administrative Services for a grant program to defray costs of executive branch agencies providing workplace accommodations to people with physical disabilities.